

Application No. 10/668,647
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REMARKS

Claims 9-52 are allowed. Claims 5-8 and 56-60 have been indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

Claims 1-4 and 53-55 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Pittman in view of admitted prior art.

Claim 5 has been amended into independent form incorporating the subject matter of claim 1, from which it depends. Accordingly, claim 5 and the claims dependent therefrom are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claim 54 has been amended into independent form incorporating the subject matter of claim 53 from which it depends and the allowable subject matter of claim 56. Accordingly, claim 54 and claim 55 dependent therefrom are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claim 57 has been amended into independent form incorporating the subject matter of claim 53, from which it depends. Accordingly, claim 57 and the claims dependent therefrom are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claim 25 has been amended to correct a clerical error to change "collet holder" to "end cap." See the specification at, for example, page 9, lines 31-32, for support for this amendment. No new matter has been entered.

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In view of the above amendments and remarks, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance, and reconsideration and indication thereof are respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney to discuss any matter that would expedite prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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